

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6772**
Shozo OGURI et al. : Docket No. 2001-0046A
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RENEWED PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

It hereby is petitioned that the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application be withdrawn. Accompanying this renewed petition is a copy of the response (including the formal drawing) as filed on July 29, 2003.

The facts necessitating this petition are as follows:

1. On May 2, 2003 Group Art Unit 3723 issued a Non-Final Office Action in the above application, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response;
2. On July 29, 2003, i.e. within the shortened statutory period for response, Applicant filed a response to the Office Action of May 2, 2003.
3. In support of the fact of filing such July 29, 2003 response, enclosed is a copy of the postcard date stamped received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating that the Response was received.
4. On November 19, 2003 Group Art Unit 3723 issued a Form PTO-1432 "Notice of Abandonment" expressing that the above-identified application is abandoned since the reply received on July 30, 2003, does not constitute a proper reply to the Office Action of May 2, 2003.

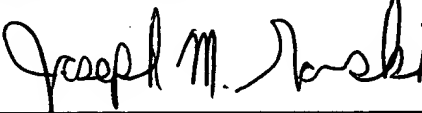
5. The paper filed on July 30, 2003, is an Information Disclosure Statement which is in addition to the Response filed July 29, 2003.

As is apparent from the above, the holding of abandonment of this application is incorrect. Thus, there is no abandonment in fact in this application, since the response to the May 2, 2003 Office Action was timely filed on July 29, 2003.

In view of the above, it is requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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